

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whale Branch Middle School
Beaufort County
Grades: 5-8 Enrollment: 393
Principal: Matthew D. Hunt
Superintendent: Dr. Jackie Rosswurm
Board Chair: Bill Evans

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2011	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

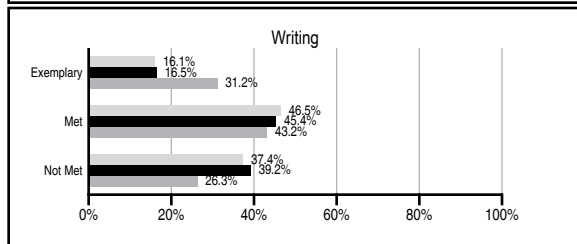
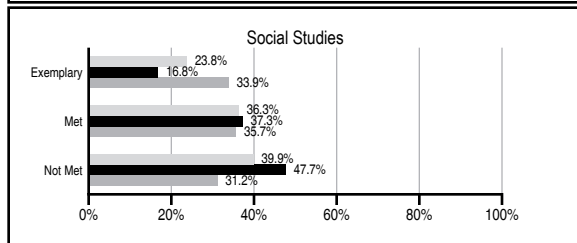
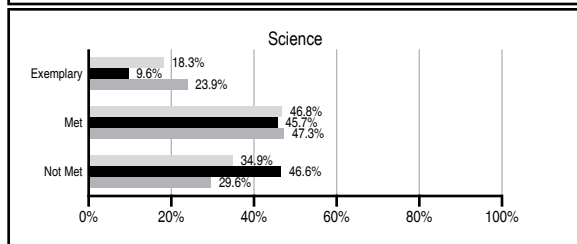
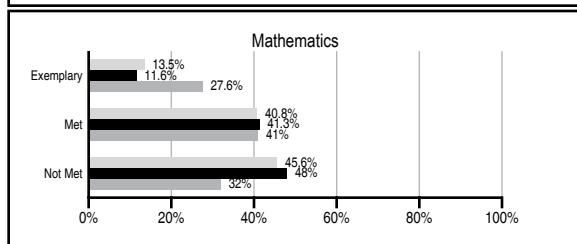
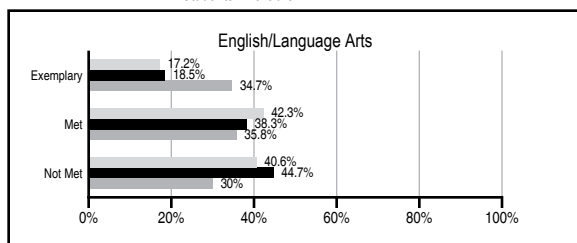
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	28	27	15

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/15/2014. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	28	45	25	2
Nation	25	43	29	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	30	38	25	7
Nation	28	39	26	8
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	39	32	27	1
Nation	36	32	29	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	76.9	89.2
English 1	40.0	87.0
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	73.7	89.6

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=393)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	31.7%	Down from 53.3%	14.2%	24.6%
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 0.8%	1.1%	0.6%
Attendance rate	97.5%	Down from 97.6%	95.3%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	10.5%	N/A	7.0%	18.5%
With disabilities	14.3%	N/A	15.8%	13.0%
Older than usual for grade	4.5%	N/A	7.7%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 9.6%	0.5%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=34)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.7%	Up from 61.3%	59.6%	61.5%
Continuing contract teachers	64.7%	Up from 45.2%	68.0%	77.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	74.0%	Up from 69.3%	79.0%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 94.2%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,468	Down 2.6%	\$44,388	\$47,313
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.9%	Down from 5.9%	2.7%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.4 days	Down from 16.3 days	9.3 days	10.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.3 to 1	Down from 21.9 to 1	18.5 to 1	22.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Up from 89.3%	89.4%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.7%	Down from 99.8%	98.7%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,547	Down 9.1%	\$9,480	\$7,239
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.0%	Up from 54.7%	60.0%	63.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.0%	Up from 52.1%	55.0%	61.0%
ESEA composite index score	50.8	Down from 69.5	59.6	83.5

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	28	79	37
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.8%	68.3%	72.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.8%	83.4%	83.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	71.4%	69.2%	77.8%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Whale Branch Middle School is to provide challenging and diverse educational opportunities in a safe and supportive environment using the strengths and resources of the community to prepare students to become responsible, productive citizens and lifelong learners. During the course of the 2012-2013 school year, staff, students, and parents worked together to continue the quest for excellence. Students were afforded multiple opportunities to participate academically, artistically, and athletically, and to give back to their community. Academics: one to one iPad implementation; Quarterly Academic Awards Celebration; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academy; Environmental Studies; Gateway to Technology (GTT); Project Lead the Way (PLTW); Technical College of the Lowcountry Upward Bound Program; South Carolina Junior Scholars; Duke TIP; National Junior Honor Society; SC GEAR-UP Program; It's Your Game, Keep it Real Health Curriculum; Family Literacy Night; Lunchtime Book Club; and the ORCA Reporter student produced school newspaper.

Visual Arts: Studies in Pottery, Ceramics, Molas, Mandala, Murals, Relief Print Making, Tessellations; River of Words Publication.

Performing Arts: Steel Band; Hand Chimes; Drum Line; Concert Band; Advanced Choir; Step Team; (district and state festival participation and multiple performing venues). Athletics: Basketball (Girls=District Semi-Finalist); Football; Volleyball; Cheer; Baseball; Softball; Track; Jr. Varsity and Varsity participation in Baseball, Softball, Track, and Wrestling; Hoops for Heart.

Community: Gentlemen's Club; Men of Strength Club (MOST); V-Girls; College and Career Days; Student Government; Student Advisory Council; Greenhouse Studies and collaboration with the SC Department of Natural Resources, Spring Island, and Waddell Mariculture Center; School Counseling Advisory Committee; and Pathways in STEP (Sheldon Township Empowerment Program).

Distinguished Guests to WBMS: Dr. Mick Zais, SC State Superintendent of Education; Carter Middle School from Tennessee; Stephen Peters, Author and Gentlemen's Club Founder; LTJG Jessica Powell, United States Navy; School Board Members: JoAnn Orischak, Jim Beckert, and Earl Campbell.

The staff, students, and parents of the Whale Branch Community will continue to promote excellence in teaching and learning through unique learning opportunities designed to prepare our students to lead in the 21st century.

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